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Weekly Views

Students from the Logansport Juvenile Correctional Facility provided assistance to the Grissom Air Museum in Bunker Hill, IN. Six students assisted the museum staff in relocating memorabilia and office items to new locations within the museum. The community service provided to the Grissom Air Museum is a continuing involvement with the Air Museum for the past 12 years. The facility has adopted three museum aircraft and assists in maintaining the exhibits.

The finest talents of Madison Correctional Facility performed a tribute to Motown and Rhythm and Blues to celebrate Black History Month. Acts were introduced by members of the Toastmaster International Correctly Speaking Club. (photo right)

History was made at the Indiana Women's Prison. Six offender students, enrolled in the Martin University program presented their research finding on the history of Women's Prison in Indiana. The Indiana Association of Historians annual conference was held at Anderson University, and the research titled "Women, Sexuality, and Punishment in Late 19th Century Indiana", was presented through Polycorn by the offender's. Three papers were presented with a question and answer session at the end.



Despite the snow, wind and closed roads, the American Red Cross showed up at Westville Correctional Facility for another blood drive. The facility was able to free up 47 volunteers, and 37 units of blood were collected. Thanks to all who not only made it to work, but then volunteered.



The American Legion presented Post #398 with their charter but with a different twist. This charter was presented at the maximum-security Wabash Valley Correctional Facility by District Commander Kevin Hinton. The facility worked for over a year and a half to make the post a reality for offender veterans. Wabash Post 398 is already hard at work discussing fund raising events, dues and appointing officers. Community Services Director Michele Lincoln said, "They are in prison but they are still veterans who love their county and their new post, dedicated to helping others, is a wonderful rehabilitation tool." She said they will meet once a month and have already expressed a strong interest in creating a scholarship fund for area students. (photo left)

William K. Wilson, Superintendent of Indiana State Prison (ISP), is pleased to announce the addition of Lauren Huffman to the Training Department as a Training Officer. Ms. Huffman began her career in December 2005 as a Correctional Officer. In October 2011, she was promoted to the position of Correctional Caseworker. Everyone at ISP offers congratulation to Lauren as she begins her new role and responsibilities. Superintendent Wilson states that, "Ms. Huffman will be a valued member of our training team".

Putnamville Correctional Facility is pleased to announce that Aramark has award 2013 Assistant Food Service Director of Year to Putnamville's very own Brandon Hester! Brandon has been with the company for approximately five years and Putnamville is blessed to have him!

The Pendleton Correctional Facility conducted a ceremony to recognize the facility's most recent graduates of the PLUS program. Forty-eight offenders were honored during the event for successful completion of this faith and character based re-entry program. Clete Ladd who serves as School Director for the Excel Center in Indianapolis spoke at the event that was also attended by IDOC Religious Services Director David Liebel. (photo right)



The Indianapolis Reentry Educational Facility held its quarterly staff recall meeting in which several staff were recognized for meritorious years of service and presented with certificates for recognition as outstanding employees including: Irene Stalling, five years; Mark Pitcher, ten years; William Brown, 15 years; Barbara Clifford, 20 years; Conray Wright, 30 years; Michael Sparks, Supervisor of the Quarter; Bryan Ball, Officer of the Quarter; Tim Zendian, Employee of the Quarter; and David Hannah, Enabling Others to Act

Staff Development and Training conducted multiple specialized training events at the Correctional Training Institute (CTI) for the field. The Parole/Unit Team Retreat was attended by over a hundred staff on March 11. Public Information Officer (PIO) Training was conducted on March 12 and 13, for over 50 plus PIOs in the field. Lastly, CTI hosted a Correctional Fatigue to Fulfillment Instructor Program on March 11 through March 14. A total of twelve staff attended this specialized training.

Since November 2013, Logansport Juvenile staff and students have been collecting jars of peanut butter for Real Hope for Haiti (RHFH) Child Rescue Center. Recently Reverend Ken Smith, the local representative for RHFH, came and spoke to the students about how their peanut butter donations help have the lives of Haitian children dying of protein malnutrition. The facility will continue collecting donations through the first week of April. So far 71 jars of peanut butter have been donated by staff and students!